

# FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL.

Friday, Feb. 10—P. M.

The business of yesterday prevailed both in the gold and silver markets. The gold market was active, but during the afternoon some activity was shown on the part of the latter, although the sluggishness of speculative feeling in the former rather increased than otherwise. The closing quotations showed the following variations from those of Thursday's second board:—New York Central advanced  $\frac{1}{8}$ , Erie  $\frac{1}{8}$ , Michigan Southern  $\frac{1}{8}$ , Illinois Central  $\frac{1}{8}$ , Rock Island  $\frac{1}{8}$ , Cumberland  $\frac{1}{8}$ , Hudson River  $\frac{1}{8}$ , Reading  $\frac{1}{8}$ , North Western and Fort Wayne were steady. Government securities were stronger with a rather heavy demand both on domestic and foreign account. Five-twenty advanced  $\frac{1}{8}$ , five-thirties  $\frac{1}{8}$ , and at the open board, at one o'clock, five-thirties sold at 110 $\frac{1}{2}$ , and railway stocks were generally higher. At the second regular board the improvement continued, and, as compared with the closing sales of the morning, Erie advanced  $\frac{1}{8}$ , New York Central  $\frac{1}{8}$ , Hudson River  $\frac{1}{8}$ , Reading  $\frac{1}{8}$ , Michigan Southern  $\frac{1}{8}$ , Illinois Central  $\frac{1}{8}$ , Rock Island  $\frac{1}{8}$ , Cumberland  $\frac{1}{8}$ , Fort Wayne  $\frac{1}{8}$ . Government securities were dull.

At the open board, at half-past three, prices were higher on a portion of the list and barely steady on the rest. The gold quotations showed the heavy, inactive state of the market and the prevailing disposition to operate before the military situation in Virginia assumes a more decided aspect. This inclination, however, must naturally be speedily dispelled. The variations were:—

10-30 A. M.	211 $\frac{1}{2}$	2-5 P. M.	211 $\frac{1}{2}$
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The money market shows no material change. The supply of capital is in excess of the demand, but lenders are critical of commercial paper and securities. The regular rate for call loans is seven per cent, and for commercial paper of the first grade 8 to 10 per cent. That of the second class passes at 10 to 12, but there are exceptional transactions at lower figures. Foreign exchange is in very limited demand, and some bankers are pressing their bills for sale at rates below those of the general market. Bankers' sterling at sixty days is quoted at 105 $\frac{1}{2}$  a 105 $\frac{1}{2}$ , and at three days at 105 $\frac{1}{2}$  a 110 $\frac{1}{2}$ .

A resolution was introduced in the Assembly at Albany to-day appointing a committee of five, with power to send for persons and papers, to examine the banks of New York city and to the amount of stock on hand, and ascertain how much of the same is owned by the bank corporations, and how much is held on special deposit, together with such other particulars as may be necessary to a clear understanding of the subject. According to the last weekly statement of the Clearing House banks, including the Bank of Commerce and the Broadway Bank, the amount held by the latter was \$1,000,000. This varies very little from the return of October 15, 1884, when the figures were \$1,051,300. But the latter was considerably below the usual average, the specie return for October 27, 1884, having been \$2,739,590; for October 23, 1884, \$2,390,516; for October 25, 1884, \$2,735,331; for October 24, 1884, \$2,807,915, and for October 22, 1884, \$2,310,380.

The present inquiry has been suggested by the uncertain position of the banks as regards their specie basis, and their habit of lending gold and looking upon vouchers, given in acknowledgment, as equivalent to the coin itself. It is difficult to ascertain what amount of the gold represented to be now in the banks is lent, and only to be seen in the banks in the form of currency deposits and notes promising to pay gold at sight by the lenders. So long as all goes smoothly loans of this kind are unimportant in effect; but in the event of a currency panic they would seriously jeopardize the standing of city banks and therefore they are to be deprecated. Much of the gold thus lent might be shipped to Europe, and the borrowers, under certain contingencies, would find themselves unable to return it at any price.

The bull charge is manipulating Cumberland Coal to the dismay of the bears. They are at the same time giving out that the financial affairs of the company have been improved of late; also that the slate mine has been sold for an amount sufficient to place the company in good circumstances. As nothing has officially transpired, however, there is no dependence to be placed upon the truth of these reports. The manipulators of the stock are unscrupulous enough to say that black is white and that the moon is made of green cheese at any time.

The subscriptions to the seven-thirty loan to-day through the First National Bank were \$250,000; the Treasury drafts \$600,000.

The business at the Sub-Treasury to-day was as follows:—  
Receipts for customs: \$150,400  
Treasury drafts: 2,560,473  
Payments: 1,324,283  
Balance: 1,236,590  
Subscriptions to Government Treasury: 214,000  
The highest cash prices of the leading railroad and miscellaneous shares at the first session of the Board of Brokers to-day compare with the quotations on Friday of last week as follows:—

American Coal	79 $\frac{1}{2}$	Feb. 10	79 $\frac{1}{2}$
Cleveland and Toledo RR	112	Feb. 10	112
Chicago and Rock Island RR	91 $\frac{1}{2}$	Feb. 10	91 $\frac{1}{2}$
Chicago and North Western RR	92	Feb. 10	92
Chicago and Alton RR	92	Feb. 10	92
Cumulative Coal Co.	109 $\frac{1}{2}$	Feb. 10	109 $\frac{1}{2}$
Canton Company	28	Feb. 10	28
Dela ware and Hudson Canal Co.	153	Feb. 10	153
New York and Erie RR	102	Feb. 10	102
New York and Erie preferred	92	Feb. 10	92
Hudson River RR	103 $\frac{1}{2}$	Feb. 10	103 $\frac{1}{2}$
Illinois Central RR	110	Feb. 10	110
Michigan Southern RR	112 $\frac{1}{2}$	Feb. 10	112 $\frac{1}{2}$
Marquette Mining Co.	61 $\frac{1}{2}$	Feb. 10	61 $\frac{1}{2}$
New York Central RR	104 $\frac{1}{2}$	Feb. 10	104 $\frac{1}{2}$
Ohio and Mississippi RR	27 $\frac{1}{2}$	Feb. 10	27 $\frac{1}{2}$
Pittsburg, Fort Wayne & Chicago RR	91 $\frac{1}{2}$	Feb. 10	91 $\frac{1}{2}$
Quaker City Mining Co.	84	Feb. 10	84
Reading RR	107 $\frac{1}{2}$	Feb. 10	107 $\frac{1}{2}$

Government securities at noon to-day were quoted as follows:—  
Coupon rate of 1881: 111  
Registered rate of 1881: 111 $\frac{1}{2}$   
Coupon five-twenty, interest on: 110  
Registered five-twenty, interest on: 109 $\frac{1}{2}$   
Coupon ten-forty, interest on: 109 $\frac{1}{2}$   
Coupon six of 1887: 109  
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Seven and three-eighths Treasury: 115 $\frac{1}{2}$   
One year certificates: 108 $\frac{1}{2}$   
State stocks were registered at the following prices:—  
Massachusetts 6's: 96  
North Carolina 6's: 94 $\frac{1}{2}$   
Massachusetts 10's: 70  
California 7's: 103  
Virginia 6's: 100  
Georgia 6's: 100  
Louisiana 6's: 90

The returns of the Bank of England for the week ending January 25 compare with the statement of the previous week as follows:—  
Jan. 18.  
Public deposits: \$4,186,614  
Other deposits: 14,558,051  
Government securities: 11,923,211  
Other securities: 15,299,062  
Notes in circulation: 20,710,702  
Specie and bullion: 14,186,227  
The Bank of France returns for the week ending January 25 show the following changes as compared with the previous account:—Increase, Cash, 4,000,000; treasury balance, 500,000; Decrease—Notes, 9,000,000; current account, 8,000,000; commercial bills, 24,333,333; advances, 500,000.

The price of money has been again reduced in England, the Bank of England minimum rate of interest having been fixed at five per cent. This is the lowest point touched since the 4th of November, 1883. On the 6th of September last the bank rate of discount was raised from 8 to 9 per cent, and the dates of subsequent movements have been as follows, viz:—November 8, 10 per cent; November 24, 7 per cent; December 15, 5 per cent; January 26, 5 per cent.

The following were the quotations for American securities in London on the 27th ult:—  
Maryland 6 per cent: 90  
United States 6 per cent: 90  
Virginia 6 per cent: 90  
Georgia 6 per cent: 90  
Louisiana 6 per cent: 90  
Alabama 6 per cent: 90  
Mississippi 6 per cent: 90  
Arkansas 6 per cent: 90  
Tennessee 6 per cent: 90  
Florida 6 per cent: 90  
Texas 6 per cent: 90  
California 6 per cent: 90  
Oregon 6 per cent: 90  
Washington 6 per cent: 90  
Idaho 6 per cent: 90  
Montana 6 per cent: 90  
Wyoming 6 per cent: 90  
Nebraska 6 per cent: 90  
Kansas 6 per cent: 90  
Oklahoma 6 per cent: 90  
Colorado 6 per cent: 90  
New Mexico 6 per cent: 90  
Arizona 6 per cent: 90  
Nevada 6 per cent: 90  
Utah 6 per cent: 90  
New Jersey 6 per cent: 90  
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New Mexico 6 per cent: 90  
Arizona 6 per cent: 90  
Nevada 6 per cent: 90  
Utah 6 per cent: 90  
New Jersey 6 per cent: 90  
Delaware 6 per cent: 90

# STOCK EXCHANGE.

Friday, Feb. 10—10:30 A. M.

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# PERUVIAN AND ST. DOMINGO QUESTIONS.

Attempts to Enlist Soldiers at the Cape of Good Hope for America.

Special Mission from Madagascar to the United States.

Search for an Extensive Forger in New York.

Union Officers at Danville, Virginia.

THE PERUVIAN QUESTION.

THE SPANISH SENATE SPEECH OF DON DE TORRES.

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# THE RECENT FIRE IN PHILADELPHIA.

Eight Persons Burned to Death—Dead of a Fire in the City.

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# MARRIAGES AND DEATHS.

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